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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM REL-REEVES, INC.

1. REL-REEVES PROGRAM MANAGER, JAMES SUTTON, CALLED DEPARTMENT TO ASK FOR UPDATE ON SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE. SUTTON EXPRESSED CONCERN BECAUSE ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES IN MOZAMBIQUE SAID THAT COMPANY WITH WHICH THEY ARE CONTRACTED, PLESSEY AUTOMATICA ELECTRADA, WAS PULLING OUT ITS PERSONNEL PRIOR TO JUNE 25 INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. SUTTON ASKED THAT WE ASCERTAIN, IF POSSIBLE WITHOUT REVEALING REL-REEVES AS INQUIRING PARTY, WHETHER THIS IS INDEED THE CASE. PLESSEY IS BASICALLY THEIR SUPPORT COMPANY AND THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR PROJECT.

2. SUTTON ALSO ASKED CONGEN ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION THROUGH INDEPENDENCE. SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO KNOW IF A TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF PERSONNEL UNTIL THINGS NORMALIZED AFTER CELEBRATIONS WAS NEEDED. DEPARTMENT TOLD HIM THAT THINGS SEEMED POLITICALLY STABLE FOR MOMENT AND THERE HAD BEEN NO SECURITY PROBLEMS SINCE LAST FALL, BUT AGREED TO PASS ON REQUEST FOR CONGEN'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT.

3. FYI: REL-REEVES IS CONTRACTED TO UPGRADE AND EXTEND

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COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN MOZAMBIQUE WITH IN-

STALLATION OF TROPOSCATTER SYSTEM. REL-REEVES REPRESENTATIVES VISITED CONGEN LAST SUMMER FOR CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER

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